

Mental Health Redesign and Implementation Task Force

Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex – Room 1045

Thursday, September 8, 2011

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Members: Karen Avery, Barbara Beckert, Pete Carlson, Lee Carroll, Peg DuBord, Sarah Fraley, Scott Gelzer, Chris Hendrickson, Jon Lehrmann, Paula Lucey, Geri Lyday, Larry Pheifer, Joy Tapper, Tia Torhorst, Brenda Wesley, Peggy Romo West

Excused: Bevan Baker, Cindy Bentley, Tom Nowak, Yvonne Stueber

Guests: Tracy Wymelenberg, Maureen Conrad

Staff: Jennifer Bergersen, Jeanne Carter, Jerry Heer, David Johnson, Jim Kubicek, Alex Kotze, Steve Pietroske, Laura Riggle

1) Welcome and approval of minutes

The minutes of the 8/11 meeting were approved to be posted on the County website.

2) Update on Facility Committee and time frame for Task Force activities

The history, composition, and activities of the New Behavioral Health Facility Study Committee were reviewed. The Committee's final meeting was to be held September 9, where the final report and resolution were to be approved, including a clause requiring the Mental Health Redesign and Implementation Task Force to report its recommendations and implementation plans to the County Board in January 2012. The proposed September-to-January timeline for the Task Force, Executive Committee, and Action Teams was presented. The Facility Committee resolution will also direct the Interim Director of DHHS to issue a Request for Information (RFI) to determine what service capacity presently exists in the community and how it can be successfully incorporated into a new delivery model. The information thus obtained will be taken under the consideration of this Task Force.

3) Request for Information (RFI) process

BHD is working with Contract Administration to craft a RFI to be distributed to all current service providers and other networks, as well as posted on the County website and in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. The RFI seeks to collect information on what is available in the community, what is currently in the planning or implementation stages, and what should or might exist in the future. The RFI differs from an RFP in that its end product is simply a compilation of information rather than a commitment to a contractual relationship.

4) Review and finalize charter document

Additional revisions were approved and incorporated into the document. The charter was approved (as amended) by a voice vote.

5) Action Team membership and activities

Members were thanked for submitting their preferences and suggested participants for Action Teams. Each team includes consumer representation (as well as co-chairmanship) and at least one Registered Nurse. The ATs for Person-Centered Care, Community Linkages, and Continuum of Care will begin their work within the month. Co-Chairs for those teams are Peter Hoeffel and Beth Ann Burazin (PCC), Jim Mathy and Kristina Finnel (CL), and Lee Carroll and

Mary Neubauer (CC). Lists of targeted recommendations for each AT are undergoing final revisions by the Executive Committee and will be distributed to participants on those teams prior to their first meetings. The ATs for Quality and Workforce will begin their work in October. The Executive Committee established a template to be used by the ATs to report back to the Task Force. Some members suggested exploring ways to present information and progress of the ATs online (to a limited audience), and staff will take that under consideration.

6) DHHS/BHD budget

Ms. Lyday presented the proposed DHHS budget and discussed the implications of cuts at the State level as well as the County's structural deficit. Members expressed gratitude to the DHHS Director and BHD Administrator for pushing for community investments, aligning with the mission of the Task Force. The County Executive's office is expected to release its budget on September 29.

7) BHD operations and initiatives

Ms. Lucey discussed numerous activities at the BHD, including electronic medical record implementation, pursuit of Joint Commission accreditation, downsizing the Hilltop facility, and the reconfiguration of acute inpatient care to include two specialty units opening in December 2011 and January 2012.

8) County Board listening sessions

Supervisor Romo West extended an invitation to upcoming County Board listening sessions on the budget, open to the public: 9/14 at Kosciuszko Community Center, 9/21 at Wauwatosa Library, and 9/28 at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center. All sessions run from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

8) Future meetings

The Task Force will reconvene on Thursday, October 13, at 3:00 p.m. at the Behavioral Health Division, 9455 Watertown Plank Road, Conference Room 1045, and on the second Thursday of subsequent months (unless otherwise announced). Agendas will be published in advance.